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SUBJECT: INDIA WELCOMES NEW U.S. APPROACH ON IRAN, BUT IS
SILENT ON IRAN'S OBLIGATIONS

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Classified By: DCM Robert Blake, Jr. for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

¶1. (C) DCM delivered reftel points to MEA Joint Secretary (Americas) Dr. S. Jaishankar after NSA Narayanan remained unavailable throughout the day either to meet with or speak on the phone to the Ambassador. Jaishankar acknowledged our demarche's requests for Indian action, but made no further substantive comment.

¶2. (C) At the close of business on June 1, the MEA released an official statement welcoming the U.S. policy announcement on Iran. While the statement welcomes our dialogue offer and encourages flexibility by all parties, it does not address Iran's NPT obligations. That said, given the Prime Minister's current domestic political challenges, it was encouraging that India promptly went on record to endorse the U.S. approach. Ambassador will follow up June 2 in a meeting with Narayanan to reiterate the demarche points and underscore our desire for India to continue to keep pressure on Iran.

¶3. (U) TEXT OF INDIAN STATEMENT:

India has all along advocated that issues relating to Iran's nuclear program ought to be resolved through dialogue and that confrontation should be avoided. Against this background, the readiness of the United States to join in the dialogue between the EU-3 and Iran, which India all along has supported, is to be welcomed. We believe that with all sides displaying flexibility and adopting a constructive and forward-looking approach, the on-going diplomatic efforts should reach a successful conclusion.

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